

As an active amateur radio operator, I feel compelled to appeal to the commission to limit the expansion of "Broadband over Power Line" emissions. These installations are likely to interfere with and be disrupted by normal and emergency communications in the amateur radio service and other users of radio frequency spectrum.

Expansion of this "Broadband over Power Line" type of emission will reduce the effectiveness and reliability of the amateur radio service and impact negatively upon the radio amateurs' ability to assist in times of emergency when a large portion of disaster communications traffic must be moved by these volunteer operators.

In times as uncertain as these, it would seem prudent to protect a service that stands so ready to serve at no cost to the taxpayers. The recent history of the amateur radio service, following the attacks of September 11, 2001, when communications facilities and infrastructure were destroyed, vividly illustrates the vital role of a decentralized and well prepared group of volunteer communicators. The necessity of reliable and flexible communications in the response and recovery from many types of emergencies and disasters should be a guiding factor in any decisions that might render the amateur radio service less capable of performing their historically critical role.

"Broadband over Power Line" has the potential to seriously damage the ability of the amateur radio service to be there when it counts.

Thank you.

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